

"Bibbiena sotto le stelle" is back again

The square will also host the flag-wavers of Arezzo and the "trampolieri" of the Contrada della Corte

BIBBIENA (AR) - The date with "Bibbiena sotto le stelle", planned show, is Saturday, July 24 in Piazza Tarlati, a square that has seen the best groups of flag-wavers in Italy during these ten years. Not surprisingly, this year the flag-wavers of Arezzo - "our "teachers" - as defined by Giampiero Polverini, president of the flag-wavers of Bibbiena. Since 1960, the flag-wavers of Arezzo, under the direction of the technical director Vittorio Dini, have been working on the recovery of a historical tradition linked in the past to communal warfare, where the handling of the flag had an important function, not only choreographically but communicatively. The group also brought in other aspects of flag-waving, from athletic to acrobatic to musical, constantly looking to improve. Since the 1980s, now under the direction of Pasquale Livi, the federation has undertaken increasingly demanding trips, visiting all 5 continents several times for occasions of great prestige. Since 2010, with the new technical director Stefano Giorgini, the flag-wavers from Arezzo have been working hard to continue this ancient art.

The group from Bibbiena has the same commitment, especially the young people, about thirty elements between students and cadets, who will show their skills on Saturday evening. Then there is the inevitable musical group, about fifteen elements between drums and clarinets.

But "Bibbiena sotto le stelle" does not stop there. The Contrada della Corte group from Reggio Emilia is there with a show on the theme of Pinocchio, combining the art of the flag with that of stilts and playing with fire. In the year of the 40th anniversary, the group of flag-wavers and musicians of the town of Bibbiena assures us of a new great show.

The event, to which the representatives of the European Confederation of Flags are also invited, will feature a parade through the historic centre of Bibbiena from 9 p.m. to Tarlati Square, where the performances will begin at 9.30 p.m. The photo exhibition on the history of the Bibbiena group, inaugurated on 10 July on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, was made by the artist Silvia Rossi and is still open to visitors. The initiatives have been realised with the contribution of the sponsors CEG, Coingas -Estra, with the support of the National Park Foresti Casentinesi, the patronage of the Municipality of Bibbiena and the collaboration of the Circolo ARCI Bocciofila Bibbienesese.

